

To Kill A Mockingbird

Chapter 20
Handout 1

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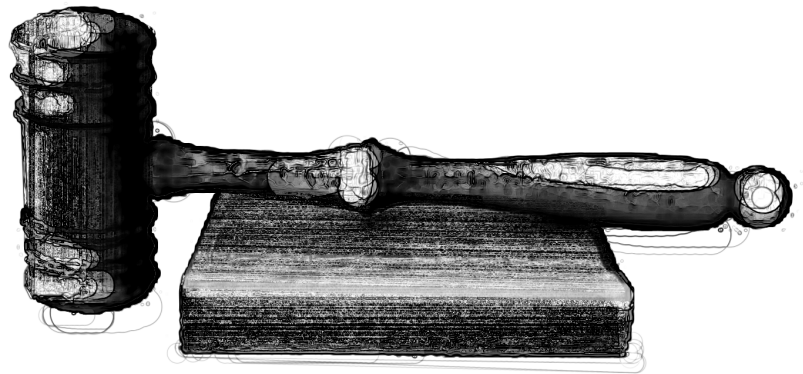
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Character Analysis: Atticus' Closing Argument

Comparing characters and events helps you identify specific developments in the story and whether or not you feel they are important. After reading Atticus' closing argument in Chapter 20, it is clear why Judge Taylor appointed him to defend Tom Robinson. This activity teaches you more about Atticus as a character and about the case that is central to the novel's plot. It also helps with your note taking and analytical skills.

Directions: On a separate piece of paper, create an outline of Atticus' closing argument. Use two levels, meaning Roman numerals and letters as demonstrated below. Be sure to include all of the major points and key details.

- I. _____
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
- II. _____
 - A. _____
 - B. _____



After completing your outline, decide what makes Atticus' speech particularly poignant and forceful. Explain below.